

# "LOOKING 'EM OVER"

With Mike Collos Jr.

## Eavesdropping

A nasty business—that of listening to other people's conversations. There are some of us that do it unconsciously, others with malice afore-thought and still others eavesdrop as a simple way to pass the time.

Reporters and all types of news hounds do it all the time. They reason they may pick up something not intended for publication.

Often at the Coliseum, Sports Arena, and other gathering places, I have found myself indulging in this sometimes dangerous pastime. Like for instance the day before yesterday.

It was about 3 p.m. and I was on a long (too long the boss always says) coffee break at my favorite hang-out—Jody's on Hawthorne Blvd. Three ladies, seated at a table nearby, were carrying on a spirited conversation. Being all alone and with no one to talk to as my chief excuse I made like a man enjoying his Maxwell, however, with my ears tuned on the high-pitched voices of the ladies. With apologies to the fair sex, and they shall remain nameless, the following is what transpired.

## Kids' Game for Grown-ups

1ST WOMAN: Just like my husband always says—those little pony and Babe Ruthie teams are for grown-ups and not for the kids.

2ND WOMAN: What do you mean?

1ST WOMAN: The parents like playing big-shot.

3RD WOMAN: That's no answer.

1ST WOMAN: Well, my husband says the managers stay up late figuring ways to regiment the kids. He says that this takes all the fun away from the youngsters.

2ND WOMAN: Do the kids play baseball or do the parents. I'm a little confused.

1ST WOMAN: The kids do stupid. It's the parents who control everything the boys do.

3RD WOMAN: What would you do—let the kids run the show themselves?

1ST WOMAN: Of course not. Just don't stand in their way of enjoying what they are doing.

3RD WOMAN: You mean you would rather they play sandlot baseball than to try and do it like the big leagues?

1ST WOMAN: I didn't say that. What I'm trying to put across is that these leagues are too much like business for kids to get any fun out of it.

2ND WOMAN: You mean the outfits make money?

1ST WOMAN: Not exactly, but I hear that the women are always giving buffet's and dances for money.

3RD WOMAN: Did you ever try and collect money at one of their games?

1ST WOMAN: I've never been to one.

## Honest Effort

3RD WOMAN: Let me tell you something honey. These leagues you and your old man are slaming are what keeps the kids off the streets and makes men out of them. Is that so bad?

1ST WOMAN: Maybe your right. But kids rather have fun than all that routine they have to put up with.

2ND WOMAN: Gee, I wish I was a mother.

3RD WOMAN: Will you forget that word fun. The kids get a big kick from it all. It's competitive and it teaches good, clean sportsmanship at the same time.

1ST WOMAN: The parents still come away the winners.

3RD WOMAN: Aren't you a bit selfish and perhaps envious? After all you don't have a boy. Maybe you feel left out of things. That's no reason to deny other parents the right to indulge in social activities to promote the leagues.

1ST WOMAN: I'll try and make an honest effort to look at things a little more objectively.

3RD WOMAN: Good. Try and remember that the kids do play baseball and if the parents are making certain mistakes, maybe they'll correct them. All the mothers and fathers I know are trying awful hard here in Torrance.

2ND WOMAN: I don't even have a little girl!

My coffee got cold. My boss was probably having fits anticipating my return. I thanked the pretty waitress, paid my check and departed with a feeling that I had learned a little about a very big sport here in the All-American city.

# Baseball Parade Saturday



QUEENS! QUEENS! SEE THEM AT PARADE



MAESTRO JAMES VAN DYCK will ride in style during Saturday's Baseball Day Parade. The Torrance Area Junior Youth Band director will try and navigate a scale model of the famous Model T Ford. Dale Stitt, (left) won

the car in a contest sponsored by the Certi-Bond store in Torrance. Others in the photo are Tim Westergard, (center) and Marc Billigmeir, (right).



JANE TIBBEN, 10, accepts Miss Southwood Little League queen trophy from League President Walter Virgil. Contest to select the League's nominee to the queen contest Saturday was held at Paradise Park. Runners-up are Mary Mayes, (left) 10, and Judy Sampson, 8.

## Big Scores in Lomita Loop Games

A car parade, pre-game ceremonies and other festivities helped open the Lomita Little League Sunday, May 1. Both Major and Minor league clubs saw action.

In Major play the Tigers defeated the Stars 14-2, and the Yankees trimmed the Indians 12-11. In the latter game Joe DiMassa hit two round trippers and Steve Warren of the losers connected for a grand slam home run.

Minor league action saw the Padres slaughter the Seals 20-9 and the Angels bombed the Dodgers 22-7.

## Organizing 50-and Over Bowling Club

What will be the first group of its kind in bowling in Torrance will be the 50-and Over Club.

Spearheading the drive is Mrs. Ruth Caudle, of 1503 Electric St., whose telephone number is DA 9-9041. She has called a meeting to be held May 17 at Palos Verdes Bowl, Crenshaw Blvd. just north of Pacific Coast Highway.

Mrs. Caudle has won eight trophies to show for her prowess on the bowling lanes. Her average is 142-152.

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## Joe E. Brown to Attend Opening of West Torrance Pony League

West Torrance Pony Baseball League will dedicate its new Ryan Field Saturday, beginning at 1 p.m.

Joe E. Brown, motion picture comedian and president of National Pony League will be the guest of honor and will be introduced by Dave Hayward, district representative of the league, and master of ceremonies.

Donna Trickle of 23220 Doris Way who won the honor of queen for the league at a contest held May 1 and Linda Payne, 20550 Earl St., runnerup will also be present to reign over the affair. Two games will be played with the Braves facing the Dodgers at 1:30 p.m. and the Redlegs meeting the Cubs in the aftermath.

## Phillies-Braves Thriller Marks the Opening of Harbor City League

Fans who witnessed the opening games in the Harbor City Little League Baseball were treated to a mid-season thriller when the Phillies defeated the Braves 8 to 6 in the major division last Sunday.

With the Phillies leading 8 to 6, Braves loaded the bases in the last half of the final frame.

Catcher Mike Elias ran the full string against Price of the Phillies. Elias then fouled the next two balls. Price on the next pitch just threw as hard as he could and Elias hit the wind for the last out.

Twirling for the Braves was Montgomery. In the other tilt the Seals walloped the Beavers 31 to 19 with Gonzales going all the way while Graham, Combs and Herrera worked for the losers.

On Saturday Angels whipped the Stars, 1 to 5 with Mason pegging for the winners and Graham for the losers in a minor league tilt.

The major fracas saw the Cubs take the measure of Giants, 12 to 1 behind the pitching of Cunnigan. Schule and Miburn pitched for the vanquished outfit.

Tonight, beginning at 5:30 o'clock, will see Angels and Stars clashing while tomorrow evening the Phillies and Dodgers will meet. On Saturday, starting at 1 p.m., Stars encounter the Braves followed by a Brave-Cub battle.

## Pin Instruction Given Free at Palos Verdes Bowl

Instruction is given free at Palos Verdes Bowl to any woman pinsters who wishes to improve the art of knocking the pins.

Shoes also are given gratis. When a bowler has sufficient improvement, she is put into a league besides taught how to keep score correctly.

## Mary Woolway Leads Bowling League

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